



Michigan Transportation FAST • FACTS

Roads and Highways

- The nation's first mile of concrete highway built by the Wayne County Road Commission in 1909.
- Michigan has a total of 120,256 miles of paved roadway (9,716 miles of state trunkline, 89,755 miles of county roads, and 20,785 miles of city and village streets).
- There is enough pavement in Michigan roadways to build a one-lane road from the Earth to the moon.
- More than 96 billion miles are driven on Michigan roadways every year.
- The longest highway in Michigan is I-75 which runs 395 miles from the Ohio border to the International Bridge in Sault Ste. Marie.
- Michigan was the site of the world's first freeway-to-freeway interchange at I-94 and M-10 in Detroit.
- The nation's first painted centerline was on River Road near Trenton (1911).

Rail and Transit

- Michigan has 20 urban and 58 non urban public transit service providers. Michigan's public bus transit system carries nearly 85 million passengers per year.
- Michigan has almost 4,000 miles of operating rail track, and MDOT manages approximately 650 miles of state-owned rail lines operated by five railroad companies.
- Michigan has three AMTRAK rail passenger routes and two passenger ferries crossing Lake Michigan.
- MDOT maintains more than 200 commuter parking lots around the state to service carpools, ridesharing and vanpools.
- Michigan was the site of the world's first international underwater railroad tunnel (Port Huron Sarnia Tunnel).
- The world's longest cable car route wasn't in San Francisco or New York, but in Grand Rapids. Operated by a 32,000-foot-long wire rope running under the street, the cable cars lasted less than two years before proving unworkable in icy weather.

Aviation

- Michigan has 236 airports open to public use, of which 130 are publicly owned and 106 are privately owned.
- Michigan's 18 commercial airports handle more than 40 million passengers per year.
- Michigan has over 18,000 licensed pilots.
- Michigan has over 7,000 registered aircraft.

Ferries, Ships, and Lighthouses

- Michigan has more than 100 ports serving recreational, ferry, and commercial interests.
- Michigan has 39 commercial cargo ports handling more than 92 million tons of cargo in an average year.
- More than 70 million tons of cargo pass through Soo Locks every year.
- Michigan has 124 lighthouses—more than any other state in the nation.

Trails

- The longest trail in Michigan is the State Line Trail in the Upper Peninsula, between Wakefield and Stager (102 miles).
- Michigan ranks second in the nation in the number of rail-to-trail conversions with 109.
- Michigan is a real “Rails-to-Trails” state. The latest report issued by the Rails-to-Trails organization states that Michigan has 92 trails open totaling 1,127 miles.

